

House District 2 Representative

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AGE: 54

PLACE OF BIRTH: Portsmouth, VA

OCCUPATION: Elementary school teacher

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 26 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Sitka 1988-1994, 2004-present, Sand Point - 1994-1995, King Salmon - 2002-2003

EDUCATION:
Western Washington University, BA
University of Alaska Southeast, BA
Gonzaga University, MA

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development
Sitka Assembly

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Elementary teacher, Sitka School District

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

National Education Association- Alaska Board of Directors
National Association of State Boards of Education, Editorial Advisory
Host, AFS International Exchange

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Kayaking, bicycling, baking, German language

OTHER:

As an educator with 30 years of experience, I have been fortunate enough to work in education in both formal and informal settings: as a National Parks Education Specialist at Katmai National Park in Southwest Alaska, as a science center education trainer, and as a public-school elementary teacher in Sitka for 17 years. I am an active volunteer and host for foreign exchange students, and in 2020 I was elected to the Sitka Assembly.

STATEMENT:

We live in the most special place in the world, but I have seen firsthand how our communities are struggling. In nearly 20 years as an elementary educator, I have focused on solving problems with the students in my classroom — but it's clear that addressing family and community needs requires leadership beyond the walls of my classroom. We need a skilled problem-solver representing us in Juneau.

Partisanship cannot take precedence over the urgent needs of families, which are plain and overwhelming. Strong schools, consistent and dependable marine highway service, accessible housing, and thriving waterfronts that support small-boat fishermen are typical priorities I hear when I visit the diverse communities of House District 2.

I'll work to stabilize school funding, transition the Alaska Marine Highway to a public corporation model that offers consistent and dependable service, and invest in infrastructure that supports working families, organized labor, and Alaska's small business ecosystem. I'm committed to keeping the bipartisan coalition going as a dedicated leader for rural Alaska, upholding everyone's right to privacy, and safeguarding our permanent fund for next generations.

Southeast deserves a representative who will go the distance to serve our communities. I have been at work on the Sitka Assembly and in the schools; I would be honored to work just as hard for you in Juneau.

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